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In re Application of :
Binie V. Lipps et al. :
Serial No.: 09/300,612 : DESICION ON PETITION
Filed: April 27, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: FWLPAT012US :


This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed October 30, 2001, requesting to withdraw holding of abandonment.

A review of the file history indicates the examiner mailed an Office action on December 18, 2000. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed September 17, 2001. On October 30, 2001, the present petition was filed. Applicant asserts that the Office action dated December 18, 2000 was never received. Based on the statements and evidence provided it is concluded that the Office action dated December 18, 2000 was never received by applicant. Accordingly, the petition is Granted.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The delay of responding to this petition is regretted. The application has been returned to pending status and the response is being entered. The application will be forwrded to examiner for consideration after mailing of this letter.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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